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**DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES CONTAINING  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 1, 2003, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following amendments/remarks:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.